

## Godly Relationships

“Life After Loss of a Spouse”

I Corinthians 7:8-9, 32-35, 39-40 NIV



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### A Message to the Surviving Spouse...

1) \_\_\_\_\_ your relationship with God.

#### Psalm 40:1-3

“I waited patiently for the LORD; he turned to me and heard my cry. [2] He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. [3] He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God...”

2) \_\_\_\_\_ if you can...

**1 Corinthians 7:8** “Now to the unmarried and the widows I say: It is good for them to stay unmarried, as I do...”

**1 Corinthians 7:32-35** “I would like you to be free from concern. An unmarried man is concerned about the Lord's affairs---how he can please the Lord. [33] But a married man is concerned about the affairs of this world---how he can please his wife--- [34] and his interests are divided. An unmarried woman or virgin is concerned about the Lord's affairs: Her aim is to be devoted to the Lord in both body and spirit. But a married woman is concerned about the affairs of this world---how she can please her husband. [35] I am saying this for your own good, not to restrict you, but that you may live in a right way in undivided devotion to the Lord.”

3) \_\_\_\_\_ is permissible and honorable.

#### 1 Corinthians 7:9, 39

“[9] But if they cannot control themselves, they should marry, for it is better to marry than to burn with passion...A woman is bound to her husband as long as he lives. But if her husband dies, she is free to marry anyone she wishes, but he must belong to the Lord.”

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